



ARMY AIR BASE
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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Dear Mrs. Manley,

I wrote you some time ago and although I am not writing you to remind you of it I would like to hear from you. I am always interested in anything concerning the things I was formerly connected with.

I am writing you now in the interest of some of the friends that I have acquired since I have been stationed here. Thru a little bit of publicity in our camp paper which is primarily for the white soldiers, I was thrown a little bit in the spot light. I will send you the article if you care to read it.

The Special Service office here has asked me if there was any way

that I could get in touch with Joe Louis. They assumed that thru some of my channels of sports acquaintances I could do it a great deal easier than going thru the regular Army routine. Their situation is ^{such} that they would like to get their idea set up in some sort of shape, with a full knowledge of what they really had before having it approved by the major Army officials.

These Officers that asked this of me are intensely interested in the Negro, for whom I believe this will benefit most. Details of the program have not been completed yet. It is really embryonic in nature now but has great possibilities.

I would certainly appreciate your cooperation if possible by trying to effect a contact with Joe Louis. I wish I could tell you more but at the

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present they would like to keep mum about it until it is approved. I immediately thought of you because I know that you were always behind and pushing any activity that would benefit the negro. If successful I think that this will be a splendid thing.

In any event, whether you can do this for me or not, I would appreciate a prompt reply. My best regards to Mr. Manley and all my friends in Newark.

Yours truly,
Put. Max. Manning.